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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/CD)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application per amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The originally filed claims and specification fail to offer support for the limitation "so that each computer PCi is configured for direct data exchange with substantially every other computer PCi."

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 11-14 are rendered indefinite by the phrase "so that each computer PCi is configured for direct data exchange with substantially every other computer PCi." The specification fails to hint or suggest an embodiment of the claimed invention in which a computer PCi may directly exchange data with substantially every other computer PCi.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kaufman et al. (7590984: hereinafter Kaufman).

For claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 11-14, Kaufman discloses a system for the cross-correlation of data, comprising:

a plurality n of computers PC_i , n being a real number which is equal to or greater than 2, and i being an integer from 0 to $n-1$ (col. 1, lines 29-35: "The next logical step in developing computational capability for handling these large problems is to distribute these problems over multiple machines loosely connected in a "grid".);

wherein said plurality n of computers PC_i are communicably coupled via a connector with a switch (col. 1, lines 29-35), so that each computer PC_i is configured for direct data exchange with substantially every other computer PC_i (col. 15, lines 1-5 and 14-20: the passages disclose the VPP computing agent nodes of the grid computing system directly (i.e. peer-2-peer) exchanging data among peers; col. 11, lines 42-45,

col. 8, lines 22-32 and col. 6, lines 40-50 further buttress contention of art disclosing "direct" communication between computing agents of the grid computing system);

each of said plurality n of computers PC_i further including a storage device configured for storing data X_i (col. 1, lines 29-35: Each of the connected grid computers contains local storage);

data X_i being divisible into n partial data units $X_i(j)$, j being an integer from 0 to $n-1$ (col. 4, lines 15-40: The cited passage discloses a distributed modeling algorithm in which portions of a complex biological modeling problem are parceled out to individual grid workstations);

data X_i being divisible into n partial data units $X_i(k)$, k being an integer from 0 to $n-1$ (col. 4, lines 15-40);

a computer PCK , wherein computer PCK is configured for cross-correlation processing of partial data $X_i(k)$ (col. 4, lines 54-58: "If each of the four problem partitions for this example are dispatched to four different machines, then the cells in the outer shell have one or more nearest neighbors that are located on a remote machine.");

wherein each computer PC_i of said plurality n is configured-to for a first exchange of a partial data unit with a partner computer chosen from said plurality n of computers, so that no more than one computer PC_i is idle during said first exchange (col. 4, lines 58-60: "The problem, as defined, requires that every machine exchange data with machines handling adjacent regions of space at every cycle".); and

wherein each computer PC_i of said plurality n is configured for an additional exchange of additional partial data units with a partner computer chosen from said

plurality n of computers, so that no more than one computer PC_i is idle during said additional exchange (col. 4, lines 58-60).

For claim 2, Kaufman discloses the system of claim 1, wherein each computer PC_i of said plurality n is configured to exchange with a partner computer $n-1$ partial data units when n is even, and n partial data units when n is odd (col. 4, lines 54-58: "If each of the four problem partitions for this example are dispatched to four different machines, then the cells in the outer shell have one or more nearest neighbors that are located on a remote machine.").

For claim 5, Kaufman discloses the system of claim 4, comprising an α turn, α being an integer of 0 and more, wherein the α turn includes partial data units, numbering from $n \times \alpha$ to $(n \times \alpha + n - 1)$, and comprising partial data unit $X_i(k + \alpha)$, the partial data unit $X_i(k + n \times \alpha)$ being located on each computer PC_i , wherein the computer PC_k is configured for the cross correlation processing of partial data unit $X_i(k + n \times \alpha)$ (col. 4, lines 54-58).

For claim 6, Kaufman discloses the data distribution method according to claim 4 or 5, wherein each computer PC_i of said plurality n is configured for partner exchange of $n-1$ partial data units with a partner computer, so that no computer is left idle, when n is an even number (col. 4, lines 58-60: "The problem, as defined, requires that every

machine exchange data with machines handling adjacent regions of space at every cycle".),

wherein each computer PCi of said plurality n is configured for partner exchange of n partial data units with a partner computer, so that no more than one computer is left idle, when n is an odd number (col. 4, lines 58-60: "The problem, as defined, requires that every machine exchange data with machines handling adjacent regions of space at every cycle".); and

wherein each computer PCi of said plurality is configured to exchange partial data units with each partner computer once (col. 4, lines 15-40: The cited passage discloses a distributed modeling algorithm in which portions of a complex biological modeling problem are parceled out to individual grid workstations. As disclosed, the passage envisions a grid wherein unique partial data is exchanged between partners every exchange cycle).

For claim 8, Kaufman discloses a system as in any one of the preceding claims, in which the computers PCi of said plurality n are general purpose computers (col. 1, lines 29-35: "The next logical step in developing computational capability for handling these large problems is to distribute these problems over multiple machines loosely connected in a "grid").

For claim 9, Kaufman discloses a system as in any one of the preceding claims, comprising a network medium configured for full duplex communication (col. 1, lines 29-35).

For claim 10, Kaufman discloses a system as in any one of the preceding claims, in which said data are time series data recorded from radio telescopes (col. 2, lines 22-28: The cited passage discloses grid computing systems being utilized to analyze radio telescope data).

For claim 15, Kaufman discloses a system as in one of claims 11-14, comprising a network medium configured for full duplex communications (col. 1, lines 29-35).

For claim 16, Kaufman discloses the system of claim 1, wherein n is an odd number (col. 4, lines 54-58: "If each of the four problem partitions for this example are dispatched to four different machines, then the cells in the outer shell have one or more nearest neighbors that are located on a remote machine.").

For claim 17, Kaufman discloses the system of claim 1, wherein $n=2^k + 1$, wherein k is an integer greater than 0 (col. 4, lines 54-58).

For claim 18, Kaufman discloses the system of claim 1, wherein $n=2^k - 1$, wherein k is an integer greater than 0 (col. 4, lines 54-58).

For claim 19, Kaufman discloses the system of claim 1, wherein each partial data unit is exchanged only once (col. 4, lines 15-40: The cited passage discloses a distributed modeling algorithm in which portions of a complex biological modeling problem are parceled out to individual grid workstations. As disclosed, the passage envisions a grid wherein unique partial data is exchanged between partners every exchange cycle).

For claim 20, Kaufman discloses the system of claim 1, wherein in each data exchange, the volume of the data exchanges remains constant (col. 4, lines 15-40).

Response to Arguments

Applicant argues prior art does not teach or suggest the newly added limitation "so that each computer PCi is configured for direct data exchange with substantially every other computer PCi." Examiner respectfully disagrees. Kaufman (col. 15, lines 1-5 and 14-20) explicitly describes the disclosed computing agents of the grid computing system directly (i.e. peer-to-peer) exchanging data among peers. Furthermore, Kaufman, col. 11, lines 42-45, col. 8, lines 22-32 and col. 6, lines 40-50, singly and in combination, further disclose "direct" communication between computing agents of the grid computing system.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clayton R. Williams whose telephone number is 571-270-3801. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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